



Chairperson Vice-Chair

DETROIT BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of the Board of Police Commissioners Meeting Thursday, December 3, 2009

The meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners was held on Thursday, December 3, 2009 at 3:00 p.m. at Police Headquarters, 1300 Beaubien in Detroit, Michigan.

ATTENDANCE

Board Members Present

Ronald L. Griffin (**ABS**)
Mohamed Okdie
Jerome Warfield
Toney Stewart (**ABS**)
Adela Rivera

Department Personnel Present

AC Ralph Godbee
AC Lawrence Meyer
DC James Tolbert
DC Herbert Moreland
Cmdr. James White
Cmdr. Steven Carlin
Lt. Cynthia Williams
Lt. Monique Patterson
Lt. Terry Herbert
Sgt. Bernard Beck-O-Steen
Sgt. Michael Dailey
Sgt. Romel Alexander
Sgt. Hilton Kincaid
P.O. Sophia Nelms
P.O. Roland Clark
P.O. Gilda Mason
P.O. James Dockery
P.O. Viera Brownlee

Board Staff Present

Celia Banks-Washington, Attorney/Supervising Inv.
Arnold Sheard, Chief Investigator
Dalph Watson, Director of Police Personnel
Lt. Daniel Allen
Leslie J. Griffin, Community Affairs Coordinator
P.O. Kent Cooper

OTHERS PRESENT

Ron Scott
Dr. Richard Visingardi

Bernice Smith
Edward Moore

Marc Deldin
Lawanda Hail-Ruffin

RECORDERS

PO Terence Bell
Robert Brown

Lisa Little

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Vice Chairperson Okdie called the meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners to order at 3:07 p.m.

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

- **Thursday, December 3, 2009**

MOTION: Comm. Rivera made the motion to approve the Agenda.

SECOND: Comm. Warfield seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- **Thursday, November 19, 2009**

MOTION: Comm. Rivera made the motion to approve the Minutes.

SECOND: Comm. Warfield seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

4. **BOPC OFFICER'S REPORT**

1. CHAIRPERSON

2. SECRETARY REPORT

SEE ATTACHMENTS

5. PRESENTATION/REPORT-CHIEF OF POLICE

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Detroit Police Department

Report to the Board of Police Commissioners



Special Points of Interest:

• Next meeting:

Tuesday, November 24, 2009

@ 3:00 P.M.

Detroit Police Department
1300 Beaubien St. 328-A
Detroit, Michigan 48226

“Building a Safer Detroit Through Community Partnerships”

The Detroit Police Department is committed to uphold its mission to provide a safe environment for our residents and businesses. This effort is not possible without the joint commitment of the community and the Police Department. We appreciate and value the role our citizens have played in helping us to take the guns and drugs off the streets of the city of Detroit.

SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS

Domestic Violence

On November 11, 2009, officers of the Sixth Precinct responded to 12000 block of Longacre on a “Cutting” run and a subject was arrested. As a result of the investigation conducted by members of Domestic Violence, the subject was charged with “Assault with Intent to Commit Murder, Unlawful Imprisonment, and Assault with a Dangerous Weapon (Felony Assault).”

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Engaging the Community

Citizens wishing to make a police report may do so at the District/Precinct stations in the city of Detroit. Citizens may also utilize the following District Mini/Sub-Stations to make reports.

	<u>Location</u>	<u>Hours of Operation</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
	1300 Beaubien	24 Hours	596-5100
	20500 Conant	* 3 p.m. to 9 p.m.	892-5456
	7737 Kercheval	* 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.	628-2121
	19810 Grand River	* 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.	870-0649
	13530 Lesure	8 a.m. to 11 p.m.	596-5300
	2575 S. Schaefer	* 3 p.m. to 9 p.m.	297-9423
	20 Atwater	24 Hours	237-2850
	13206 E. Jefferson	* 3 p.m. to 9 p.m.	821-5851
	22101 Moross (St. John Hospital)	* 3 p.m. to 9 p.m.	343-7506
	14700 Mack	* 3 p.m. to 9 p.m.	852-4046

* Mini-Stations– Monday –Friday

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Police / Community Intervention

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Twelfth Precinct

On November 14, 2009, officers of the Twelfth Precinct responded to the 300 block of Whitmore on a "Person with a Weapon." Subsequent to their investigation, a subject was arrested and charged with "Felon in Possession, Felonious Assault, Felony Firearm, and Habitual 4th."



Southwestern District

On November 13, 2009, officers of the Southwestern District responded to the area of Fort and Dearborn on an "Accident with Injuries" run. Subsequent to their investigation, a subject was arrested and charged with "2nd Degree Murder, Manslaughter in a Moving Vehicle, Negligent Homicide, Operating While Intoxicated Causing Death, Operating While Intoxicated Causing Serious Injury, Driving While License was Suspended, and Operating While Intoxicated."



Northeastern District

On November 12, 2009, officers of the Northeastern District responded to the 1000 block of Joliet Place on a "Robbery Armed." Subsequent to their investigation, four subjects were arrested and charged with "Robbery Armed, Carrying a Concealed Weapon, Financial Transaction Device-Stealing/Retaining Without Owner's Consent, Felony Firearm, and Habitual 3rd." Weapons and property taken were recovered.

Central District

On November 14, 2009, while patrolling the area of Woodward and Putnam, officers of the Central District were notified of a robbery that just occurred. As a result of their quick response, a subject was arrested and charged with "Armed Robbery."

PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION FROM TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

SEE ATTACHMENT

6. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Personnel Subcommittee

MOTION: **Comm. Rivera** made the motion to appoint Dr. Richard Visingardi as the Interim Secretary to the Board.

SECOND: **Comm. Warfield** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

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7. NEW BUSINESS

1. GRANTS:

A) REQUEST TO APPLY FOR A AMERICORPS STATE AND NATIONAL GRANT (EDUCATION) FY 2010 FROM THE CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

MOTION: **Comm. Rivera** made the motion to the Grant

SECOND: **Comm. Warfield** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

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B) REQUEST PERMISSION TO APPLY FOR THE BORDER ENFORCEMENT GRANT (BEG) FROM THE FEDERAL MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY ADMINISTRATION (FMCSA)

MOTION: **Comm. Warfield** made the motion to the Grant

SECOND: **Comm. Rivera** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

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C) REQUEST PERMISSION TO ACCEPT AN INCREASE IN THE “BULLETPROOF ARMORED VEST PARTNERSHIP GRANT”

MOTION: Comm. Warfield made the motion to the Grant

SECOND: Comm. Rivera seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

SEE ATTACHMENT

8. OLD BUSINESS

1. CONFLICT RESOLUTION MEETING

Atty. Washington gave a status update of some old business.

SEE ATTACHMENT

9. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday, December 10, 2009
Holy Redeemer Church
1721 Junction
Detroit, MI 48209

10. ORAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE

SEE ATTACHMENT

ATTACHMENTS

Board of Police Commissioners Meeting
December 3, 2009
3:00 p.m.

VICE-CHAIR OKDIE: Good afternoon, everybody. My name is Mohamed Okdie. I'm Vice-Chair of the Board of Police Commissioners. We're going to call this meeting to order for Thursday, December 3rd, 2009. And with me is Commissioner Rivera and Commissioner Warfield and Assistant Chief Godbee is representing the Chief. Mrs. Washington is going to fill in for the Secretary's position. Can you please introduce your staff?

SUPERVISING ATTORNEY WASHINGTON: Celia Washington, Attorney Supervising Investigator, Chief Arnold Sheard, Office of the Chief Investigator, Director Dalph Watson, Officer Terence Bell, Recorder Robert Brown, Lisa Little, our stenographer, Supervising Investigator Ainsley Cromwell, Lieutenant Danny Allen from OCI. I hope I didn't miss anybody. Thank you, sir.

VICE-CHAIR OKDIE: Okay. Thank you. Let's go to approval of the agenda.

COMMISSIONER RIVERA: So move.

COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: Second.

VICE-CHAIR OKDIE: It's been moved and supported. Are there any questions?

(No questions were raised.)

VICE-CHAIR OKDIE: All those in favor say aye.

COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

VICE-CHAIR OKDIE: Opposed. Ayes have it motion carries. We'll go to approval of the minutes from last week.

COMMISSIONER RIVERA: There needs to be a correction on this. We're doing the minutes from the 19th.

VICE-CHAIR OKDIE: Okay. We'll get that after we have a motion.

COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: So move.

COMMISSIONER RIVERA: Second.

VICE-CHAIR OKDIE: It's been moved and supported. Are there any corrections or additions?

COMMISSIONER RIVERA: Yes, the date on it.

VICE-CHAIR: Okay. Please present the date speaking into the mic.

COMMISSIONER RIVERA: The date should be changed for the minutes. The minutes we are approving are from November 19th and not the 24th yet.

VICE-CHAIR OKDIE: Okay. Anything else?

(No other corrections or additions were added.)

VICE-CHAIR OKDIE: Hearing none, all those in favor say aye.

COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

VICE-CHAIR OKDIE: Opposed. Ayes have it motion carries. We'll go down to the Secretary's Report.

SUPERVISING ATTORNEY WASHINGTON: Thank you, Commissioner. Last week was the first week that we offered the new format for the secretary's report. Supervising Investigator Cromwell offered some insight on demeanor and some other allegations. Just as a follow-up, we will be offering the Secretary's report in the revamped format on the third Thursday of each month. However, there are some things on the record that, in all fairness to Ainsley Cromwell, haven't been mentioned, but there are some concerns and some clarifications from last week's statistics. There was a mention of a trend with Gang Squad investigations and it's been brought to the Board's attention that we need to identify exactly what the trend is in terms of specifics. Secondly, there was an indication last week that there was a trend, an increased trend, with regards to towing complaints. Again, it's been brought to the Board's attention that we need to clarify exactly what that trend is and what the numbers are. Commissioner Okdie will offer a more detailed analysis in response to those concerns in addition as a part of the next Secretary's report that will happen on the third Thursday in December. The Chair has requested that with regards to those complaints, those that are sustained and/or repeat offenders that are referred to the Chief's office, the Chair has asked that we close the loop and for that to be included in the next report as well, some sort of follow up as

to what happened. It's a work in progress and that's it. Thank you, sir.

VICE-CHAIR OKDIE: We have no report for today?

SUPERVISING ATTORNEY WASHINGTON: No, sir.

VICE-CHAIR OKDIE: Assistant Chief Godbee.

ASSISTANT CHIEF GODBEE: Thank you, Mr. Chair. We don't have a formal report today, but again, as the Chief always does want to thank the men and women of the police department for a work well done for the week ending.

VICE-CHAIR OKDIE: This is going to be a quick meeting today. We're going to go down to Standing Committee Reports. That would be personnel which is my committee so I just have a real brief report to make and that is concerning the position of Board Secretary. Since we accepted the resignation of our former Secretary, the Chair and Vice-Chair, and Chair of the personnel committee, which is me, have decided to make a recommendation to the full Board that we hire an interim Board Secretary for not more than six months to do the job and the reorganization of the Board of Police Commissioners. The recommendation is that we offer this position on a part-time basis to Dr. Richard Vinsingardi and the Board members have been able to speak with Dr. Vinsingardi and also to review his vita and at this point, I would entertain a motion.

COMMISSIONER RIVERA: So move.

COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: Second.

VICE-CHAIR OKDIES: It's been moved and supported to offer a six-month position as interim Board Secretary to Dr. Vinsingardi. It's been moved and supported. Are there any questions?

(No questions or concerns were raised.)

VICE-CHAIR OKDIE: All those in favor say aye.

COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

VICE-CHAIR OKDIE: Opposed. Ayes have it and motion carries. At this point that concludes my report, but I would like to ask Dr. Vinsingardi to please come up to the microphone and introduce yourself. Oh, and also tell us whether or not you accept.

DR. VINSINGARDI: Mr. Chair, Commissioners, and everyone else here I accept the offer. My name is Richard Vinsingardi. I look forward to working with the Commission. I've had interim experience and transition experience helping some systems move through some things. I have a great divinity for the City of Detroit. My dad was an Italian immigrant and always said that the city made him who he was so I appreciate that. So I love the City. I also enjoy community work. I've done a lot of community work and a lot of administrative work and policy work so I'm looking forward to building up some leadership and working with the staff here, working with the Commission, and

the community to move things forward and get you to a place, an always improving place, so you can be ready to bring in a permanent Secretary. So I appreciate the offer. Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR OKDIE: And he's being very modest, by the way. Dr. Vinsingardi has run giant systems including the North Carolina Mental Health Department?

DR. VINSINGARDY: Mental health development and substance abuse, yes.

VICE-CHAIR OKDIE: Okay. As well as the Department of Mental Health for Oakland County.

DR. VINSINGARDI: Oakland County, Detroit, and Wayne County.

VICE-CHAIR: Oakland, Detroit, and Wayne County, and has a deep and broad knowledge of systems, administration, and he is going to help us to get our house in order. So thank you very much for accepting.

DR. VINSINGARDI: Thank you very much.

VICE-CHAIR OKDIE: Okay. We're going to move on to--I think we have some grants. Can I get a volunteer to read the grants, please, from the Board members?

COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: (Copy and Paste Grant)

COMMISSIONER OKDIE: Is there a motion?

COMMISSIONER RIVERA: So move.

COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: Second.

VICE-CHAIR OKDIE: Its been moved and supported.
Are there any questions?

(Commissioner Rivera raises hand to indicate
questions that need to be asked.)

VICE-CHAIR OKDIE: There is a question over here.
Is there somebody here to represent the grant?

ASSISTANT CHIEF GODBEE: Actually, I can speak to
it, Commissioner.

VICE-CHAIR OKDIE: Okay. Go ahead, Commissioner.

COMMISSIONER RIVERA: It says here that you haven't
determined how much money that you're going to ask for?

ASSISTANT CHIEF GODBEE: Yes, ma'am. That's
correct. We are still working through the parameters of the
grant and what we will actually be eligible for and some of the
design concepts. One of the things that Chief Evans was very
successful at, even when he was a Sheriff at Wayne County, was
looking at alternative funding. We have to do a better job of
reaching out to our youth and helping out where we can even if
it's from a pulpit standpoint from the police department. So
this is an opportunity that we're seeking with our police
services to touch that demographic.

COMMISSIONER RIVERA: Okay. When I read this, I
noticed that it was kind of vague. How does the department plan
to use this money? You said that you're just gonna--

ASSISTANT CHIEF GODBEE: Well, we're looking at ways to encourage young people at a much earlier age to take a look at law enforcement as a career, and also taking a look at how we can reconfigure some portions of our police reserve functions so that we can have a better recruitment and a better tie in. Right now we don't have a demonstrative feeder system to interest young Detroiters in becoming a Detroit police officer. So we see this as kind of a win-win from that standpoint.

COMMISSIONER RIVERA: Okay.

VICE-CHAIR OKDIE: Okay. Thank you very much. All those in favor please say aye.

COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

VICE-CHAIR OKDIE: Opposed. Ayes have it and motion carries. Next.

COMMISSIONER RIVERA: (COPY AND PASTE GRANT)

VICE-CHAIR OKDIE: Is there a motion?

COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: Move for permission to apply for the grant.

COMMISSIONER RIVERA: Second.

VICE-CHAIR OKDIE: It's been moved and supported.
Any questions?

COMMISSIONER RIVERA: Yes, I did have a question.
When I was reading this grant--

VICE-CHAIR: And this is to Assistant Chief Godbee?

LIEUTENANT WILLIAMS: How are you, Commissioners?
Lieutenant Williams.

COMMISSIONER RIVERA: When I was reading this grant application, I noticed that the deadline has passed in September. Is this for--and it says that they're also going to be processing extra funds. So is this for the--

LIEUTENANT WILLIAMS: For 2010, yes. They still have funds that are available so we're going to apply for that.

COMMISSIONER RIVERA: Is this for the original funds or would this be for the extra funds?

LIEUTENANT WILLIAMS: For the extra funds.

COMMISSIONER RIVERA: We already got the initial, right?

LIEUTENANT WILLIAMS: No, this is not an initial application.

COMMISSIONER RIVERA: I don't understand. We never got this grant before?

LIEUTENANT WILLIAMS: No, ma'am.

COMMISSIONER RIVERA: So this is the first time that we're applying?

LIEUTENANT WILLIAMS: That's correct.

COMMISSIONER RIVERA: Okay.

VICE-CHAIR OKDIE: Any other questions?

COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: If I can just follow up on that, Lieutenant. So what you're saying basically is that although we have not applied for the initial grant we can still ask for additional monies?

LIEUTENANT WILLIAMS: They have additional funding that we're trying to ask for now. Yes, that's correct.

COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: Okay. Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR OKDIE: Any other questions?

(No other questions were raised.)

VICE-CHAIR OKDIE: Hear none. All those in favor.

COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

VICE-CHAIR OKDIE: Opposed. Ayes have it and motion carries. Next.

COMMISSIONER WARFIELD: (COPY AND PASTE GRANT). I move that this grant be accepted and will be applied for.

COMMISSIONER RIVERA: Second.

VICE-CHAIR OKDIE: It's been moved and supported. Are there any questions?

COMMISSIONER RIVERA: Yes.

VICE-CHAIR OKDIE: To whom?

OFFICER BROWNLEE: Officer Brown-Lee from grants and contracts.

COMMISSIONER RIVERA: Okay. Officer Brown-Lee, is this money--we're asking again for the increase and not for the original amount?

OFFICER BROWNLEE: Right, they offered us an increase.

COMMISSIONER RIVERA: How have we spent the previous money?

OFFICER BROWNLEE: Very quickly. We have academy classes just getting out so this is going to be very beneficial for us because we have vests that are expiring, in addition to the academy classes that we have now.

COMMISSIONER RIVERA: So do we supply vests for all officers?

OFFICER BROWNLEE: Yes.

COMMISSIONER RIVERA: On the department?

OFFICER BROWNLEE: Yes.

COMMISSIONER RIVERA: Because I know back when I was a police officer, we had to buy our own.

OFFICER BROWNLEE: No, you don't have to buy your own.

COMMISSIONER RIVERA: So we now supply them?

OFFICER BROWNLEE: Absolutely.

COMMISSIONER RIVERA: Okay. Thank you.

VICE-CHAIR OKDIE: Any other questions?

(No other questions were raised.)

VICE-CHAIR OKDIE: Hearing none. All those in favor.

COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

VICE-CHAIR OKDIE: Opposed. Ayes have it and motion carries. We'll go to old business. Conflict-resolution meeting. What is that about?

SUPERVISING ATTORNEY WASHINGTON: Thank you, Commissioner. Just an update. The conflict-resolution, the Chair asked that we provide an update on that. For those of you that were not at the last meeting and at the Board presentation and in the community at the last one, the Board will be sponsoring or hosting a forum. Actually, this is perfect timing. Some of the facilitators are coming. We met with a group, Commissioner Okdie, of three potential facilitators to help us create a forum with regards to the Gang Squad and the citizens. The final forum will include actual stakeholders, the community, as well as Gang Squad enforcement. We are engaging in discussions and we'll have more information, but we had a very successful meeting on Monday.

VICE-CHAIR OKDIE: Okay. Thank you very much. We'll go to the next item which is the announcement of the next meeting, which is in the community at Holly Redeemer Church, which is located on West Vernor and Junction in Southwest

Detroit. That meeting will start at 6:30. Now we'll go to that favorite part of the meeting and we'll have public comments up to four minutes, I guess, per person. Come on and line up.

COMMISSIONER RIVERA: Speak to us.

VICE-CHAIR OKDIE: Going once, twice. This meeting is adjourned. Thanks everybody.

(Meeting is adjourned at 3:27 p.m.)

Respectfully submitted,

CELIA BANKS WASHINGTON
Attorney/Supervising Inv.
Board of Police Commissioners

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